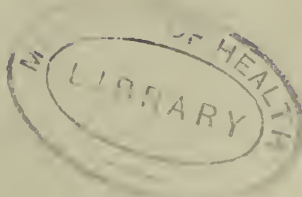
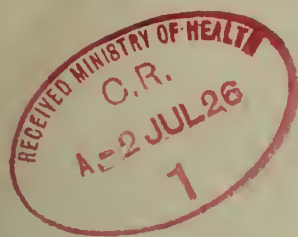


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CROFT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

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To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the

Croft Rural District Council.

Gentlemen

I beg to present the Annual Report for 1925 this being a Survey Report as required by the Ministry of Health every fifth year.

As it is a sparsely populated and scattered Rural District the measure of progress during the preceding five years will not appear to be very great.

Owing to the high cost of labour and reduced incomes only essential work has been done. Already existing public works have been kept in good repair. The more important new works and services dealt with are as follows:-

- I. A good and efficient water supply at Barton from Barton Limestone Co. has been obtained, already some 20 houses have been connected up.
- II. A new Septic Tank has been put down at Stapleton for disposal of sewage.
- III. Arrangements have been made for sputum to be examined at the North Riding Laboratory of Pathology and Public Health.
- IV. A new School has been built at Girsby.
- V. Fifteen houses have been constructed.

In regard to any further action in the development of Public Health Services I should like an available supply of Diphtheria Anti-toxin in case of an outbreak of that disease.

The general character of the District is rural, a large portion of it having the South Bank of the Tees as its boundary, the chief occupation is agriculture.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

I will here mention the various Hospitals and Institutions available for the District.

- I. The Darlington Hospital for all cases of accident or cases wanting operation.



There is also a Maternity Ward where cases are admitted.

2. The Darlington Fever Hospital admit infectious cases by arrangement with your Council, it is often difficult to treat Infectious cases satisfactorily at home owing to lack of means to isolate the cases.
3. Aysgarth Sanatorium for Tubercular Patients and Morris Grange for Tubercular children.

There are no Maternity or Child Welfare Centres in the District.

#### Professional Nursing in the Home.

Where people can afford it this is taken advantage of.

There is not a district nurse actually resident in the district but three living in neighbouring villages outside the area come in and work some of the villages. There are one or two rather large areas in consequence that are left without the service of a district nurse.

There are no certified midwives in the District.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate and homeless children.

#### Ambulance Facilities.

For Infectious cases - the Darlington Fever Ambulance, for for non-infectious cases - the Darlington Red Cross Ambulance.

#### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

An efficient water supply has now been obtained at Barton from the Barton Limestone Co., already some 20 houses have been connected up.

All the other villages get their water from wells which are fairly satisfactory.

The chief villages are sewered, the rest of the district drained into tanks.

#### Closet accommodation:

Below is given the approximate number of the various forms of closets in the district:-





Total number of Ash pit Privies	350
" " " Ash Closets	38
" " " Water Closets	87

Ash pit privies converted into Ash Closets during year	8
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Ash pit privies converted into Water Closets	5
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Insanitary types are being done away with when possible.

There is no scavenging in the district, it is all fairly efficiently carried out by private owners.

The sanitary condition and water supplies in schools are on the whole good.

There are no obnoxious trades in the district and there have been no complaints of overcrowding.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

This is referred to in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK. The Cow byres etc. are inspected and are cleaned out and whitewashed, no action has been taken with regard to tuberculosis cattle as no cases have been met with.

MEAT Meat is regularly inspected and the slaughter houses kept clean.

No. of registered Slaughter Houses

In 1920	In January 1925	In December 1925
2	2	2

#### Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

There has not been any extensive epidemic of the Notifiable Infectious Diseases during the last five years, the few cases that have arisen have been difficult to trace in most cases.

With regard to the supply and prompt use of diphtheria anti-toxin, I have previously mentioned that there is no supply.

There have been no cases of encephalitis lethargica since 1920. 15 cases of Pneumonia have been notified.

Arrangements have now been made for the examination of pathological and bacteriological specimens at the Laboratory at Scarborough. The Schick and Dick tests in diphtheria and Scarlet Fever have not been used here.





Nine primary vaccinations were performed by the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

With regard to non-notifiable Infectious Diseases Measles was very prevalent in several of the villages in 1923 and schools were closed.

In 1924 Mumps broke out in Cleasby during the latter part of the year and spread rapidly through the school.

Houses and clothes have been regularly disinfected after the illness by Mr Boyd.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during 1925.

Disease	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths.
Small-pox	0	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	0	0
Diphtheria	0	-	-
Enteric Fever	0	-	-
Puerperal Fever	0	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-
Chicken-pox	1	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1925.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 .. .. .				1				
1 .. .. .								
5 .. .. .								
10 .. .. .								
15 .. .. .	1							
20 .. .. .								
25 .. .. .		1				1		
35 .. .. .								
45 .. .. .	1							
55 .. .. .								
65 and up- wards								
Totals	2	1		1		1		

There are no tuberculous employees in the Milk Trade.



## Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area 19,884 acres.

Population in 1921 - 2,199 in 1925 - 2,250

Physical Features. Rural district, occupation chiefly agriculture.

Number of Inhabited houses (1921) 511

" of families or separate occupiers (1921) 515

Rateable value £31,433

Sum represented by a penny sale - approximately £100

### VITAL STATISTICS 1925.

	M	F	Total	
Births	24	26	50	giving birth-rate of 22.22 per 1,000. The birth-rate for England and Wales being 18.3.
Deaths	15	11	26	giving death-rate of 11.11 per 1,000. The death rate for England and Wales being 12.2.

There were no deaths of infants under one year of age, of the deaths 8 were over 70, 4 over 80 and one 90.

There were no special causes of sickness during the year, the Influenza was of a milder type and no deaths were recorded from it.

There was one death from Pneumonia, three from malignant disease and five from heart disease.

There were no deaths from Measles or Whooping Cough or Diarrhoea under two years of age.

### HOUSING.

A. 1. The conditions are fairly typical of those in rural areas throughout the country, in some of the villages there is some old property.

2. At the present time there is no great shortness of houses.

B. There is no overcrowding.

C. Fitness of houses. These are about up to the General Standard similar to any other agricultural district.

The defects are chiefly leaky roofs and damp walls owing to the absence of a damp course.

Any serious defect usually remedied under the Public Health Act.

D. There are no unhealthy areas.



1. The Sanitary Inspector and Medical Officer, both part time officers.

### HOUSING.

Number of Houses erected during the year.

- |                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| (a) Total                     | 1 |
| (b) As part of Housing Scheme | 0 |

#### 1. Unfit dwelling houses.

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| Inspection. (1) Total number of houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health Acts)   | 47   |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (inspection of District) Regulations                            | none |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                      | none |
| (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the previous sub-heading) found not to be reasonably fit for human habitation | none |

#### 2. Remedy of defects without source of formal notice

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|--|------|
| Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal <b>action</b> by Local Authority or their Officers | none |
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#### 3. Action under Statutory powers -

- (a) Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning etc., Act 1919.

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|--|------|
| 1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs   | none |
| 2. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit.  |      |
| (a) by owners  | none |
| (b) by local authority   | none |
| 3. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which closing orders become operative in pursuance of declaration by owners of intention to close | none |

- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts

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|---|------|
| 1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | none |
| 2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied   |      |
| (a) by owners   | 20   |
| (b) by Local Authority  | none |





(c) Proceedings under Section 17 and 18 of  
the Housing and Town Planning etc. Act  
1909

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|--|------|
| 1. Number of representations made with<br>a view to the making of Closing<br>orders  | none |
| 2. Number of dwelling houses in respect<br>of which Closing orders were made   | none |
| 3. Number of dwelling houses in respect<br>of which Closing orders were deter-<br>mined, the dwelling houses having<br>been rendered fit | none |
| 4. Number of dwelling houses in respect<br>of which Demolition orders were made  | none |
| 5. Number of dwelling houses demolished<br>in pursuance of Demolition orders   | none |

In the Sanitary department, I should like to  
express my thanks to your Inspector Mr Boyd who is always willing  
to help and is most painstaking in his duties.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. R. WILSHAW.

Medical Officer of Health.



Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1925 as Sanitary Inspector.

Over 45 Houses have been inspected throughout the District in the course of periodical and Special Visits, and the List below shows the improvements carried out in consequence, mainly from those visits.

47 Houses inspected.

3 Houses disinfected.

20 Houses disinfectants supplied.

2 Houses supplied with Fumigants.

3 Houses have been Fumigated by Inspector.

Several drains rodded and flushed and cesspools cleaned out.

5 Trapped Gullies put in, besides those in connection with new house.

6 inspection chambers have been installed.

3 new sanitary drains put in besides those to new house.

5 new W.C's have been installed.

4 new baths have been put in and water service connected.

3 pumps have been repaired.

Several ashpits have been cleaned out by request.

5 Licences to store petrol have been issued.

1 Petrol Pump has been installed.

1 new Septic Tank has been put down at Stapleton, and outfall of sewer made good and all connections from sewer put in order.

Water supply has been laid on to Barton Village from the Barton Limestone Co's Spring.

This is being installed to each house in the village, as occasion arises.

The Supply Reservoir, which is circular, will contain about 30,000 galls of water with a fall of about 60 ft, thus giving a good pressure and supply for all purposes.

The spring yields about 40 galls per minute so that no shortage need be anticipated.



## HOUSING ETC.

Plans submitted to the Council during 1925.

March 23      Plan of proposed alteration to House and Shop for  
                 Mr P. Lowe, Barton.

April 20      Plan of new bungalow at Croft for Mr L. Dingle.

May    17      Plan of Motor Garage at Croft for Messrs Turnbull  
                 and James.

Nov.   30      Plan of alteration and addition to cottage at Barton  
                 for Mrs Tilley.

Houses completed during the year and occupied.

No.

2 at Dalton on Tees for Mr W. Roberts (subsidy)

1 at Croft for Mr R. Dingle, Croft.

### Housing Act 1923.

Certificates issued of Qualification of Houses for subsidy  
from commencement.

No. 1	Oct. 1923.	Howard Steavenson	3 cottages.
2	May 1924.	Murrough J. Wilson	1 Bungalow.
3	June 1924	W. Roberts	2 cottages.

### List of Houses constructed 1920 - 1925

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
	-	6	-	2	6	1
Old cottages altered and extended		1	4		1	1
Wooden Huts		3			1	

J. W. BOYD,

Sanitary Inspector.







